

The Newsletter of the Panhandle Library System

April/May 2010

Downloadable Audio Books and E-Books: Panhandle Library System librarians attended a workshop this February on e-books, downloadable audio books, and circulating e-readers in libraries. Since then, many libraries have expressed an interest in more information and additional workshops. PLS plans to address this topic at upcoming workshops this summer. Please look for more information in upcoming newsletters and on our webpage at <http://libraries.ne.gov/pls>. In the meantime, I thought I would provide you with information on the venues currently available through the Nebraska Library Commission to obtain digital audio books and e-books for your library patrons. Go to the websites for more information.

OverDrive (<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/wikis/overdrive/>): In March 2008, after months of planning, the Nebraska Library Commission, in conjunction with 25 Nebraska libraries, launched a shared collection of digital audio books through the OverDrive/Digital Library Reserve system. One goal of this group is to make the OverDrive service affordable to libraries that might not otherwise be able to afford it, through cost-sharing between members and through NLC financial support. 47 libraries currently participate in the Nebraska Overdrive Libraries group. Libraries participating in the Nebraska OverDrive Libraries group have access to a shared collection of digital audio book titles. Access is provided through the Nebraska OverDrive Libraries web site created by OverDrive. OverDrive Digital Library Reserve® is a web-based digital media platform that enables library patrons to download popular digital audio books, eBooks, music, and video from your library's web site. eBooks and audio books are available in a wide variety of popular genres, including fiction, romance, suspense, YA fiction, business, self-help, and language learning. eBooks are available for download to a PC or supported PDA. Downloadable audio books download to a PC/laptop, burn to CD, or transfer to over 500 portable devices, including most MP3 players. These digital books may be checked out for a limited period of time, downloaded to the patron's device and are automatically returned to the collection when the checkout time expires. The library does not need to purchase any additional equipment to provide this remote service to patrons.

NetLibrary (<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/netlibrary/index.html>): In cooperation with NetLibrary and Lyrisis, the Nebraska Library Commission is pleased to announce the launch of the NetLibrary Shared Collection 9! As the world's premier provider of electronic books (eBooks), NetLibrary helps academic, public, corporate, and special libraries create a richer, more productive learning environment for their patrons. By combining the time-honored traditions of librarianship with electronic publishing, NetLibrary offers an easy-to-use information and retrieval system for accessing the full text of reference, scholarly, and professional books. NetLibrary eBooks are easy to use. They are accessible from any location and searching them is fast and efficient. You can search every word in every eBook, as well as search within a particular eBook. You can browse eBooks for quick research and reference or check them out and read them at your leisure. The 9th Shared Collection opened in January 2010. Projected to include 2,500 to 3,000 titles, this collection continues the tradition of Lyrisis regional shared purchasing of front list titles and post-2000 imprints newly available in electronic format. The collection is projected to include content from leading publishers such as McGraw-Hill, Oxford University Press, AMACOM, Taylor & Francis, and university presses. Content will be available later in 2010, depending on member participation.

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Upcoming Events

March 31, April 7, April 14, 2010 Basic Skills Training – Organization of Materials

Location: Alliance Public Library, 1750 Sweetwater Ave, Suite 101, Alliance, NE

Time each day: 10:00 am to Noon and 1:00 to 3:00 pm

April 29, 2010 Trustee Training and Board Development sponsored by the Nebraska Regional Library Systems

Presenter: Jim Connor, Trustee College Consulting Team.

Location: North Platte Community College, 1101 Halligan Dr #102, North Platte, NE

Time: 9:00am-12:00 Noon (Morning Session) 1:00pm -4:00pm (Afternoon Session) Cost - \$5.00

Lunch: 12:00 Noon – 1:00 pm (on your own)

Mail registration to: Meridian Library System, 3423 2nd Avenue, Suite 6, Kearney, NE 68847 or

Phone 1-800-657-2192 or 308-234-2087 or meridian@frontiernet.net by Friday, April 23, 2010

May 4, 2010 NLA Public Library and Trustee Section – Spring Conference 2010

Topics: Public Library Accreditation Guidelines, How to Sustain Your Library Foundation, Programming for Young Professionals, and Social Networking and Libraries.

Presenters: Richard Miller, Nebraska Library Commission, representatives from the Nebraska Community Foundation, and Amy Mather, OPL Technology Librarian/LJ Mover and Shaker

Location: Gering Public Library, 1055 P Street, Gering, NE

Time: 9:00am to 3:30pm

Cost: \$20 Register by April 28, 2010 Checks should be made out to NLA/PLTS and sent to:

Terry Wingate, PLTS Secretary/Treasurer, 9117 Sahler St., Omaha, NE 68134

Questions? Contact Sarah Watson: 402.444-4810 or swatson@omahalibrary.org

With paid registration, each attendee is invited to bring a trustee to any and all sessions at no charge. If trustee chooses to stay for lunch, please include an additional \$7.00.

May 11, 2010 Panhandle Library System Board Meeting

Location: Bluffs Business Center, 1517 Broadway, Scottsbluff, Main Floor Conference Room

Time: 10:00 am

Contact: PLS Office 308-632-1350 or 888-879-5303 or jclapper@charterinternet.com



News from Panhandle Libraries

Ogallala Schools — Betty Armstrong, *Media Specialist*

The big highlight at Prairie View Elementary was the breakfast that was served to students who earned a certain number of points for the 1st semester. On Friday Jan. 15, fifteen 5th grade students who had earned 40 points with AR got treated to muffins caramel rolls, juice and fruit. On Friday Jan 22, fifteen 4th graders who earned 30 points were treated to the breakfast along with sixteen 3rd graders who earned 20 points. The breakfast was enjoyed by all that attended.

The annual March Madness reading contest was held at Prairie View Elementary this year From March 8-23. Students were divided into seventeen teams with eleven members on each team. During the contest they read books and took AR tests on them. Team captains were the teachers, aides, janitor and other support staff. 1,178 points were earned. The winning team had 123.5 points, second place had 118.4 points, and third had 109.3 points. Each day the top team in points was given a daily prize, seven different teams won daily prizes. 626 AR tests were taken during the contest with 557 passed for an average accuracy of 82.8%. Seven teams had all eleven of their members participate in the contest. Only seventeen students did not take a test during the contest. The team that had the most points along with the team that had the highest % accuracy was treated to ice cream sundaes and cupcakes on Friday March 26.

Crawford Public Library, Ellyn Renkin, *Director*

On March 31st, the Crawford Public Library hosted our District's Congressman, Adrian Smith. Congressman Smith allowed the public to ask questions and to tell him their areas of concern. One of the main areas mentioned was Social Security and the fact that due to the mishandling of Soc. Sec. funds, future generations may well be out of luck when it comes their turns to retire and collect the Soc. Sec. benefits they have paid into for year. Illegal aliens were also discussed and it was agreed a solution must be met for this situation.

Paxton Public Library — Dianne Jay, *Director*

The Friends of the Paxton Public Library hosted a Valentines Tea on Saturday, February 13. Twenty-seven people attended this special library event. Door prizes were presented.



Valentines Tea at Paxton Public Library

Leid Scottsbluff Public Library celebrates the beginning of construction of the library expansion project. A groundbreaking ceremony was held February 23. City leaders, library staff, library trustees, Friends of the Library, Foundation members, and other supporters participated in the ceremony.



Bev Russell, Leid Scottsbluff Public Library Director, gives a thumbs-up to start breaking ground!

The 2010 Summer Reading Program Workshop at the Gering Public Library was a great success



You'll soon see new faces at Panhandle Library System workshops and events. Some of our public libraries have hired new library directors.

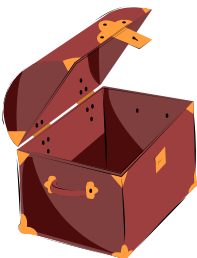
Introducing...

- Arthur County Library - Liz Kupper, Director
- Dalton Public Library, Michelle Billups
- Kimball Public Library—Jan Sears
- Morrill Public Library—Allison Reisig

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Poetry Trunk Available for Loan

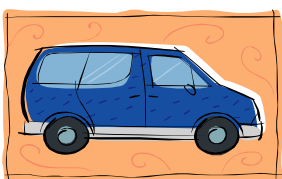
Omaha Children's Museum received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to participate in the BIG READ for students across Nebraska. The poetry of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow is the topic of the BIG READ grant. The children's museum created trunks filled with poetry, crafts and items to study Longfellow's poetry. Each library system received a trunk and will loan it to your library or school. The trunk has teacher guides, craft items and a magnetic poetry board. This trunk would be a wonderful addition to a poetry unit or story time. There are enough Reader's Guides for each student to keep. The trunk is available for check out from the Panhandle Library System office. Call or email and reserve the trunk for your program. Using this resource will make poetry fun.



Panhandle Library System Has Scholarship Money Available for Continuing Education

The PLS Board established a scholarship fund to facilitate professional development. Librarians, media specialists, board members, trustees, and any other people involved in library service in the Panhandle Library System may use monies in the fund for attendance at professional meetings, classes, workshops, or other beneficial academic activities. To apply for a PLS Scholarship submit an application form and letter - <http://libraries.ne.gov/pls/Scholarships%20and%20Grants/Scholarship%20Application.PDF>

For scholarship provisions and more information, please go to the Panhandle Library System website. There is a tab across the top of the page called "Scholarships and Grants." There you will find all kinds of information on available scholarships, including information about the Panhandle Library System Scholarship Fund. .



Ride with Your Colleagues to the Heartland School Library Conference in Omaha

Do you want to go to a school library conference in Nebraska featuring nationally celebrated speakers and leaders? Do you want to travel to the conference with your colleagues from the Nebraska Panhandle?

Then...

contact the Panhandle Library System right away, because the Panhandle Library System is coordinating a van trip to the Heartland School Library Conference in Omaha this June. Enclosed you will find a flyer with conference information. Margie is going to the conference, and will get a van to take people along. So, please let PLS know by April 30, 2010 if you would like to travel with us to the conference. We'll need to book an appropriate sized van, so please let us know as soon as you can. The deadline to register for the conference is May 1, 2010. For more information please go to <http://heartlandslc.org/>

Free Posters!



Are you re-decorating your children's area, or do you just want something to adorn a door, window, or office space? The Panhandle Library System collects posters for our member libraries. Please let us know if you would like a poster, and we'll give it to you to keep for your library.

What Are Your Continuing Education Needs

The Nebraska Library Commission would like to touch base and ask you about your continuing education and training needs and preferences. Please let NLC know what kinds of training you'd like and how you'd like it delivered. The Nebraska Library Commission has created a short survey on Survey Monkey. Go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RF39QQ8> to take the survey. Thanks! If you have any questions, please contact Laura Johnson, Continuing Education Coordinator.



First-ever National Study: Millions of People Rely on Library Computers for Employment, Health, and Education

77 million people used library computers and Internet access in past year

Portland, OR—Nearly one-third of Americans age 14 or older – roughly 77 million people – used a public library computer or wireless network to access the Internet in the past year, according to a national report released today. In 2009, as the nation struggled through a recession, people relied on library technology to find work, apply for college, secure government benefits, learn about critical medical treatments, and connect with their communities.



The report, *Opportunity for All: How the American Public Benefits from Internet Access at U.S. Libraries*, is based on the first, large-scale study of who uses public computers and Internet access in public libraries, the ways library patrons use this free technology service, why they use it, and how it affects their lives. It was conducted by the University of Washington Information School and funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Low-income adults are more likely to rely on the public library as their sole access to computers and the Internet than any other income group. Overall, 44 percent of people living below the federal poverty line used computers and the Internet at their public libraries.

Americans across all age groups reported they used library computers and Internet access. Teenagers are the most active users. Half of the nation's 14- to 18-year-olds reported that they used a library computer during the past year, typically to do school homework.

“People from all walks of life use library computers to perform routine and life-changing tasks, from emailing friends to finding jobs,” said Michael Crandall, senior lecturer and chair of the Master of Science in Information Management at the University of Washington Information School. “More than three-quarters of those who used the library Internet connections had access at home, work, or elsewhere. Oftentimes, they needed a faster connection, assistance from a librarian, or temporary access in an emergency.”

The use of library technology had significant impact in four critical areas: employment, education, health, and making community connections. In the last 12 months:

- 40 percent of library computer users (an estimated 30 million people) received help with career needs. Among these users, 75 percent reported they searched for a job online. Half of these users filled out an online application or submitted a resume.
- 37 percent focused on health issues. The vast majority of these users (82 percent) logged on to learn about a disease, illness, or medical condition. One-third of these users sought out doctors or health care providers. Of these, about half followed up by making appointments for care.
- 42 percent received help with educational needs. Among these users, 37 percent (an estimated 12 million students) used their local library computer to do homework for a class.
- Library computers linked patrons to their government, communities, and civic organizations. Sixty-percent of users – 43.3 million people – used a library's computer resources to connect with others.

“There is no ambiguity in these numbers. Millions of people see libraries as an essential tool to connect them to information, knowledge, and opportunities,” said Marsha Semmel, acting director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. “Policy makers must fully recognize and support the role libraries are playing in workforce development, education, health and wellness, and the delivery of government services.”

The library’s role as a technology resource has exploded since 1996, when only 28 percent of libraries offered Internet access. Today, almost all public libraries offer visitors free access to computers and the Internet.

Unfortunately, up to a third of all libraries say they lack even minimally adequate Internet connections to meet demand. More report that they cannot provide the access their patrons truly need.

“Library technology services have created opportunity for millions of Americans, but public libraries struggle to replace aging computer workstations and increase the speed of their Internet connections,” said Allan Golston, president of the United States Program at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. “This study highlights what is at risk, particularly for low-income individuals who heavily rely on the public library for their technology, if future public and private investment in public libraries doesn’t keep pace with demand.”

The report’s findings are based on nearly 50,000 surveys – including 3,176 from a national telephone survey and 44,881 web survey responses – from patrons of more than 400 public libraries across the country. View 2-page summary of the report's findings (PDF, 209KB). The full report is available at <http://tascha.washington.edu/usimpact>.

For broadcast-quality footage, high-resolution still photography, and information about the foundation’s work, please visit: www.gatesfoundation.org/press-room/Pages/news-market.aspx. This press release, from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, can be found at <http://www.ims.gov/news/2010/032510.shtm>

Celebrate National Poetry Month in April

National Poetry Month is a month-long, national celebration of poetry established by the Academy of American Poets. There are several websites for you to use to assist with your celebration.



- Scholastic has a website with the teacher in mind. It offers ways to bring poetry into the classroom: <http://teacher.scholastic.com/poetry/>
- Go directly to the Academy of American Poet’s website for lots of information: <http://www.poets.org/page.php/prmID/41>
- The Library of Congress has an excellent website filled with poetry resources: <http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/lcpoetry/>
- If you work with teens or children, try Kidlitosphere Central: the Society of Bloggers in children’s and Young Adult Literature: <http://www.kidlitosphere.org/poetrymonth/>

© *Don’t forget to reserve the Poetry Truck from the Panhandle Library System office. For more information on PLS’s new Poetry Trunk go to page 5 in this newsletter.*

PLTS Spring Conference

2010

NLA - Public Library and Trustee Section

Come to the Annual PLTS Spring Conference!

- 9:00 – 9:30 Registration and Coffee
9:30 – 9:45 Announcements and Introductions
9:45 – 10:45 Public Library Accreditation Guidelines

Introduction by Richard Miller, Nebraska Library Commission

There will time to ask questions and talk about your concerns. Guidelines may be previewed online at <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/accred.html>

- 11:00 – 12:00 How to Fund and Sustain your Library Foundation

Representatives from the Nebraska Community Foundation will share information about strategies you can use to fund and sustain library programs and facilities. Topics will include establishing and building library endowment, engaging community members, and success stories from Nebraska communities.

- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch – provided at each location

- 1:00 – 2:00 Programming for Young Professionals

Amy Mather, OPL Technology Librarian/LJ Mover and Shaker

Reaching out to the group you may not realize you are missing: the underserved young professionals

- 2:15 – 3:15 Social Networking and Libraries

Amy Mather, OPL Technology Librarian/LJ Mover and Shaker

Creative ways to market your library services through social networking

- 3:15 – 3:30 Closing Comments and Evaluations

This program is being offered at three sites around the state:

May 4 – Gering Public Library – 1055 P St.

May 5 – North Platte Public Library– 120 W. 4th St.

May 7 – Falls City Library & Art Center – 1400 Stone St.

With paid registration, each attendee is invited to bring a trustee to any and all sessions at no charge. If trustee chooses to stay for lunch, please include an additional \$7.00.

Cost: NLA/PLTS members - \$20.00 for the entire day

Registration Deadline: **April 28, 2010** / No refunds after April 28

Checks should be made out to NLA/PLTS and sent to:

Terry Wingate, PLTS Secretary/Treasurer, 9117 Sahler St., Omaha, NE 68134

Questions? Contact Sarah Watson: 402.444-4810 or swatson@omahalibrary.org

Attendee Name: _____

Library: _____

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Trustee Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Gering

May 4

North Platte

May 5

Falls City

May 7



1500 R Street, P.O. Box 82554
Lincoln, NE 68501



**Genealogical Research at the
Nebraska State Historical Society**

THE LIBRARY/ARCHIVES HAS BEEN CLOSED DURING OUR BUILDING RENOVATION

OPENING MARCH 9, 2010

Check our website www.nebraskahistory.org for updated Information.

Regular Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9-12 a.m., 1-4 p.m. & Saturday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (Closed on State Holidays)

SUGGESTIONS FOR PREPARING FOR YOUR RESEARCH TRIP TO THE NSHS

A Guide to Genealogical Research at the Nebraska State Historical Society

http://www.nebraskahistory.org/lib-arch/services/refrence/la_pubs/guide1.htm

The Library catalog is available online at <http://www.nebraskahistory.org/databases/librarycatalog.htm>. Over 90% of the library collection is in this catalog. Try checking for your family name and county in Nebraska where your family lived in the Search area (Anywhere) or use Enhanced Search (top of page) for Boolean searching.

1) The Library has the largest collection of Nebraska state and local histories including Nebraska atlases, plat books, flat maps, city directories and phonebooks. Most of these titles are not available on the Web.

2) We have over 3000 genealogies/family histories collected during our 131-year history. We have a general collection of non-Nebraska genealogy guides and histories from other states. Again, many may not be available on the Web and you can use them right here in Lincoln.

3) The microfilm collection includes the largest collection of Nebraska newspapers in the state. Check out the online Nebraska newspaper listing at <http://www.nebraskahistory.org/lib-arch/research/library/newspaper.htm> or the online Library Catalog. Contact us for exact holdings of issues that are available.

4) Contact our staff about the Nebraska Statewide Cemetery Registry and cemetery tombstone transcriptions in the Library.

Government Records at the NSHS include various federal, state, and county records used in family research. The Finding Aids for County Records Map http://www.nebraskahistory.org/lib-arch/research/public/county_finding_aids/index.htm may be used to review inventories for county records (such as marriage, naturalization, school census, divorce, probate records and tax records). Government records include all available Nebraska census records (we also have territorial and state census records), land tract records (useful in locating homestead records) military records and their related indexes. If you cannot locate your Nebraska family in census records found on the Web, use the originals on microfilm in our L/A Reference Room!

The use of data in the Archives collection for genealogical research may be reviewed within the Archival Collection Database <http://www.nebraskahistory.org/databases/nhprc/index.shtml>. Follow the links on this homepage for the following areas: 1) Our Manuscripts include church records and family papers (published church histories are in the Library); 2) We are the source for Nebraska Photographs, Moving images, and Sound Recordings that may pertain to your family or their life in Nebraska.

For more details about the sources listed as well as additional indexes to various records in the Library/Archives, check the Currently Available Searches homepage <http://www.nebraskahistory.org/databases/index.html>. Also, check the Library/Archives Publications homepage http://www.nebraskahistory.org/lib-arch/services/refrence/la_pubs/index.htm.

If you have questions, send an e-mail to nshslibarch@nebraska.gov or phone 402-471-4771. Our Library/Archives staff will respond to your requests!

REMINDER: The NSHS has a limited number of original records available on our website. Plan now for a research trip to Lincoln to use our material. WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR VISIT TO THE NSHS LIBRARY/ARCHIVES REFERENCE ROOM!



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Year of CHIRS

A free newsletter from Nebraska's Consumer Health Information Resource Service

Good Links—

- CHIRS—your one-stop consumer health information service in Nebraska

<http://www.unmc.edu/library/consumer>

- MedlinePlus—National Library of Medicine's consumer health information site

<http://medlineplus.gov>

- Request free CHIRS posters and brochures

<http://www.unmc.edu/library/consumer>

March 2010 Health Observances

Save Your Vision Month

National Problem Gambling Awareness Week 7-13

World Kidney Day 11

American Diabetes Alert Day 23

<http://www.healthfinder.gov/nho/nho.asp?year=2010&m3>

NLM Ending Support for Go Local

The National Library of Medicine announced yesterday to Go Local sites that it was phasing down and ending support for the Go Local service due to Internet search engines doing a better job of delivering information to users. From the official message:

"Since 2001, the National Library of Medicine has supported Go Local web sites across the United States. The goal of Go Local was to connect users to health services in their local communities. This seemed like a natural extension to MedlinePlus, which provides health information.... NLM is

grateful to the hundreds of people whose time, labor, ideas and patience went into creating Go Local. For many years we could proudly point to Go Local as a unique and valuable service to so many people in this country."

The Go Local Nebraska team truly appreciates your support and hard work since it began in 2005. The Go Local Nebraska site will not close down at this time. We will keep you informed on the future of the Go Local Nebraska project through Year of CHIRS issues, and on the Go Local Nebraska blog: <http://golocalne.blogspot.com>.

CHIRS is 25 years young this year!



Since 1985, Nebraska Public Libraries and UNMC's McGoogan Library have partnered to deliver high-quality consumer health information.

New CHIRS Book List

-Request these titles at no charge through OCLC-

50 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DIABETES : EXPERT TIPS FOR TAKING CONTROL / KATHLEEN STANLEY. Alexandria, Va. : American Diabetes Association, 2009.

100 QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT DIABETES / MICHAEL BRYER-ASH. Sudbury, Mass. : Jones and Bartlett Publishers, 2011.

100 QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT ENDOMETRIOSIS / DAVID B. REDWINE. Sudbury, Mass. : Jones and Bartlett, c2009.

100 QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT HEAD AND BRAIN INJURIES / RAHUL JANDIAL. Sudbury, Mass. : Jones and Bartlett Publishers, c2009.

100 QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT KIDNEY DIALYSIS / LAWRENCE E. STAM. Mass. : Jones and Bartlett, 2010.

THE CLEVELAND CLINIC GUIDE TO SLEEP DISORDERS / NANCY FOLDVARY-SCHAEFER. New York : Kaplan Pub., c2009.

LASIK : THE EYE LASER MIRACLE : THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO BETTER VISION / ANDREW I. CASTER. New York : Ballantine Books, c2008.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT SLEEP APNEA / SUDHANSU CHOKROVERTY. Sudbury, Mass. : Jones and Bartlett Publishers, c2009.

TYPE 2 DIABETES : YOUR

HEALTHY LIVING GUIDE : TIPS, TECHNIQUES, AND PRACTICAL ADVICE FOR LIVING WELL WITH DIABETES / AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION. Alexandria, Va. : American Diabetes Association, 2009.

THE UNCOMPLICATED GUIDE TO DIABETES COMPLICATIONS / EDITED BY MARVIN E. LEVIN AND MICHAEL A. PFEIFER. Alexandria, Va. : American Diabetes Association, c2009.

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<http://www.unmc.edu/library/consumer>
Phone: 402-559-6221 / 1-866-800-5209
email: askus@unmc.edu

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**Panhandle Library System
Board Minutes, Tuesday, January 12, 2010
West Nebraska Family Research and History Center, Scottsbluff, NE**

President Vickie Retzlaff called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Board members present: Rick Caudillo, Terry Christensen, Lori Hartman, Kendra Caskey, Floyd Smith III, Vickie Retzlaff, Dixie Riley, Sue Shaver, and Beth Trupp. Glenda Gamby was absent. Also present were Margie Harrison and Jeralyn Clapper.

The January 12, 2010 agenda was approved. Rick Caudillo made the motion and Beth Trupp seconded it. Beth also made a motion that we add the Summer Reading Program under New Business to be discussed. The motion carried.

The minutes from November 10, 2009 were approved. Lori Hartman made the motion and Floyd Smith III seconded it. Vicki Retzlaff made a motion that we add Nov 5th to the Basic Skills training dates under the Upcoming Events in the minutes. The motion carried.

Round Table: Floyd reported that his Christmas Open House at the West Nebraska Family Research and History Center was a success with approximately forty-seven people attending. He has a new website which is www.wnfrhc.org. Lori reported the Lied Scottsbluff Public Library has some changes in staff. They have added Roberta Boyd and Jim Pauley, and lost Kathy Powers. The ground breaking for construction on the library is scheduled for January/February with a completion date in one year. The top level is being removed and the ground floor is being expanded.

PLS Committees: The Annual Meeting Committee - Dixie reported that the committee will meet to set a date for the Annual Meeting. July 9th, 23rd, and 30th are the dates being considered. CE/Tech Committee – Floyd reported the committee is looking at different software options. He suggested that we have a company from MN come and do a demonstration on a digital microfilm machine.

Nominating Committee – Margie lead the discussion and gave some guidelines for nominating candidates. Nominations should be made by March 1st and a list of who will be running should be out by April 15th. Public Relations Committee – Beth reported their group met in Dec and discussed some children's authors they thought would fit into the budget. They are still waiting to hear back from some. It was suggested that we look into a local author. Terry suggested we contact Doug Polk. Scholarship Committee – Kendra reported there have been no applications submitted at this time.

Nebraska Library Commission: Rod Wagner asked Margie to give the NLC report in his absence. Margie presented and distributed a report to the board members that was provided by the NLC.

PLS Coordinator's Report: Margie gave an update on workshops, library visits, meetings, job-a-likes, and the journal rotation. A written report was included in the board packets.

Budget: Margie presented the PLS financial report. A copy of the report was included in the board packets.

New Business:

PLS Plan of Service: A new revised PLS Plan of Service was included in the board packets. Vicki made a motion to approve the revised plan. Rick approved the motion and Sue seconded it. It was a unanimous "Aye" vote.

Auditor's Report: Vickie made a motion to accept the auditor's report. Dixie approved the motion and Floyd seconded it. It was a unanimous "Aye" vote.

Summer Reading Program: Beth led a discussion regarding the Summer Reading Program. The PR committee suggested we have a performer. It was decided to ask Conrad's Music Academy to do the program again this year since his show was such a hit last year. It was also suggested that we check into any grants that may be available to help with expenses.

Presentation of new PLS website: Margie gave a thirty minute presentation showing how to use our new website. She went into all the different titles and sub-titles and showed how to look up information and the services we have available. It was suggested that she check into adding a member calendar so each library could post its events and announcements.

Upcoming Events /Announcements: Don't forget to RSVP for Job-a Likes and Librarians Meetings at the PLS office. A list of upcoming events was included in the board packets.

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

The next PLS board meeting will be March 9, 2010 at the Bluffs Business Center, main floor conference room at 10:00 a.m.

Terry Christensen
Secretary

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Presenter: Jim Connor, Trustee
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Jim has worked with the US
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as a Trustee for the Jefferson
County Public Library (CO). He
received the ALA Trustee Award in
2005 for his activities and training
for library boards.

Audience: Boards of Trustees and Library Directors

Workshop Goals:

- Trustees will understand their roles and responsibilities
- Trustees will understand the library director's roles and responsibilities
- Trustees will conduct effective meetings
- Trustees will become advocates for the library
- Trustees will recognize and utilize their power as an administrative board

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April 26, 2010

Wahoo Public Library

627 N Broadway, Wahoo, NE

Cost: \$15.00

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Morning Session

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1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Afternoon Session

April 29, 2010

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1101 Halligan Dr #102, North Platte, NE

Cost \$5

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Morning Session

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch on your own

1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Afternoon Session

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